Custody Deaths in Delhi

339. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent custodial deaths in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to prevent such inhuman incidents and usher in a human and civil police service in the country and end the Lathi Raj?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two persons, one each in police station Kanjhawala and Patel Nagar, have died in police custody during the last months (i.e. from August, 1993 to January, 1994). Five police officals have been placed under suspension.

(c) Matters relating to police are the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. In so far as the Union Territory of Delhi is concerned, instructions have been reiterated that persons in custody shall be treated in accordance with the law and that resort to coercive methods shall not be made. Srict action, including criminal prosecution, is taken whenever any police official is found indulging in torture or held responsible for a custodial death.

Special inputs have been introduced in the "Induction" and 'in-service' training programmes to sensitize police officers about using scientific methods for investigation.

Interrogation rooms are being relocated to make them more visible and be close to the resorting rooms so as to minimise scope for violation of these instruetions.

Infiltrators into Border Areas

340. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal entrants apprehended during 1991, 1992 and 1993 on the Rajasthan-Pakistan and Punjab-Pakistan borders together with the break up of illegal entrants/infiltrators in terms of nationality;

(b the number of infiltrators/illegal entrants killed during the above period;

(c) the arms, ammunition seized during the above period;

(d) the details of other goods and materials seized; and

(e) whether there has been any improvement due to fencing and flood lighting; if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI TAJESH PILOT): (a)

1991	Indian	Pak	Bangla deshies	Burmese	Others	Total
Punjab	59	61	865	1	4	990
Rajasthan	66	28	322	4	4	424
1992						
Punjab	7	34	266	—	3	310
Rajasthan	40	163	570	226	—	999